GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS BY PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES

The Research Proposal should be in the form of a report in Harvard or an acceptable reference format and should not exceed 2000 words.

1. **Tentative title** *(The exact title can be finalised at least 3 months prior to the submission of the thesis)*
2. Statement of the problem
3. Rationale of the study
4. Objectives of the study
5. Brief Literature Review
6. Methodology
7. Expected Output
8. Research plan (Time Frame)/Activity (Gantt) Chart*
9. Cost of Research Work*
   (a) (i) Literature
   (ii) Equipment/Consumables
        Specific instruments, chemicals, etc.
   (iii) Surveys/data collection/experiments/fieldwork
   (iv) Others (please specify)
   (b) Proposed sources of funding
        Self or sponsored
10. **Special requirements for the project**
    (Ethical clearance, Import permit, storage, health, safety & security hazards, etc.)
11. Give the name(s) of the main/co-supervisors/associate supervisor
12. Brief CVs of potential Supervisor(s) to be submitted

*Both the research plan (8) and cost of research work (9) should be submitted according to the minimum time-frame for the degree.*